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Department of the Army
Walla Walla District Corps of Engineers
Attention: Lower Snake River Study
201 North Third Avenue
Walla Walla, WA 99362-1876

I oppose Alternative #4, the removal of dams on the lower Snake River. At the present time, there is no clear scientific data to support the idea that the removal of these dams will increase the salmon return to the Snake River.

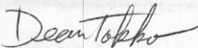
Removing the dams will have a severe effect on the Northwest economy, due to the enormous negative impact on shipping grain, power production, flood control and irrigation.

The dams should not be removed unless it is absolutely clear that this will benefit the salmon recovery. I do not see where this has been demonstrated.

There is too much at risk to our jobs, our environment, and our economy to breach these dams.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Sincerely yours,



Dean Takko
Cowlitz County Assessor

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cc: Senator Slade Gorton
Senator Patty Murray
Representative Brian Baird